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SUBJ: OIL COMPANY DELIVERIES TO JAPAN

REF: OECD PARIS 29741

1. EMBASSY ECONCOM/MIN INFORMED BY PRESIDENT OF ESSO JAPAN (PLEASE DO NOT DIVULGE SOURCE) THAT EXXON IMMINENTLY ABOUT TO MAKE DECISION TO REALLOCATE AVAILABLE OIL AMONG ITS CUSTOMERS. SUCH ACTION IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WOULD MEAN DIVERTING PORTION EXXON CRUDE FROM JAPAN TO EUROPE. EMBASSY OF COURSE NOT IN POSSESSION OF FULL RANGE OF CONSIDERATIONS AND FACTS ON WHICH TO MAKE JUDGMENT AS TO OVERALL NECESSITY OR DESIRABILITY OF SUCH ACTION. WISH POINT OUT, HOWEVER, FROM VANTAGE POINT TOKYO THAT AS WASHINGTON AWARE, GOJ EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO DIVERSION
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POSSIBILITY AND THERE IS GENERAL BELIEF THAT SOME DIVERSION

ALREADY TAKING PLACE ON LIMITED SCALE. ACTION OF THIS SORT AT PRESENT TIME COULD ONLY SERVE TO PUSH JAPAN INEXORABLY AND RAPIDLY TO PRO-ARAB PUBLIC POSTURE.

2. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER EXXON AND/OR OTHER OIL COMPANIES HAVE BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENT ON THIS ISSUE. IF SUCH DISCUSSIONS HAVE NOT ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS WITH JAMESON OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF EXXON TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT DECISION IRREVOCABLE OR COULD NOT BE POSTPONED.

3. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT MITI MINISTER NAKASONE HAS CALLED IN PRESIDENTS OF ALL TOKYO REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES OPERATING IN JAPAN FOR MEETING AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 20. PURPOSE OF MEETING IS NOT YET KNOWN BUT COULD BE CONNECTED TO QUESTION OF OIL DELIVERIES.
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